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SUBJECT: JANUARY 9, 1977

1. GOP PUBLICITY DRUMMING UP ENTHUSIASM FOR JANUARY 9  
COMMEMORATIVE ACTS HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY MUTED THIS YEAR.  
AS OF JANUARY 7 NO OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 9  
ACTS HAS APPEARED IN THE NEWS MEDIA. THIS EVENING  
FOREIGN MINISTER BOYD WILL SPEAK ON JANUARY 9 THEME  
TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE  
OF SOVEREIGNTY AND PEACE. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY  
REPORTS, IF NOT THE PRESS, INDICATE THAT THREE  
CEREMONIES WILL MARK THIS ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1964  
RIOTS.

2. AT 0800 ON JANUARY 9 MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN  
THE DON BOSCO CHURCH (CALIFONIA SECTION OF THE CITY).  
FOLLOWING THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES THE GOVERNMENT  
PLANS TO BUS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND EMPLOYEES  
TO THE JARDIN DE PAZ CEMETERY WHERE ASCANIO VILLALAZ,  
DIRECTOR OF LA VICTORIA SUGAR CORP., AND A STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE WILL DELIVER THE ORATIONS.

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3. FOLLOWING THE SAME MASS, A GROUP OF STUDENTS  
AND OTHERS ARE SCHEDULED TO MARCH FROM THE DON BOSCO  
CHURCH TO THE AMADOR-GUERRERO (NEAR CANAL ZONE)  
CEMETERY WHERE EDUCATION VICE-MINISTER, DIOGENES  
CEDENO CENCI AND FEP (FEDERATION OF PANAMANIAN STUDENTS)  
PRESIDENT ROBERTO GOMEZ WILL SPEAK.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THIS LATTER MARCH, GN G-2  
LT. COL NORIEGA TOLD U.S. MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER  
ON JANUARY 6 THAT THIS GROUP WOULD BE COMPOSED OF  
RADICAL ANTI-GOP STUDENTS AND OTHERS. HE ADDED THAT  
THE LINE OF MARCH WOULD INCLUDE A SECTION OF 4TH  
OF JULY AVENUE. TO CONTROL ANY POSSIBLE UNTOWARD  
EVENTS THERE, HE REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR MARCHERS  
TO BE "ESCORTED" NOT "LED" BY GN PATROL CARS. ESTIMATED  
SIZE OF THIS GROUP APPEARS TO BE 300-400. CANAL  
ZONE AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THIS MARCH.

5. NORIEGA'S CHARACTERIZATION OF COMPOSITION OF  
THIS MARCH IS VITIATED, HOWEVER, BY OTHER INTELLIGENCE  
REPORTS WHICH INDICATE THAT STUDENT CONTINGENT WILL  
INCLUDE FEP MEMBERS AND THAT FEP PRESIDENT WILL SPEAK  
AT CEMETERY CEREMONIES.

6. EMBASSY STRONGLY SUSPECTS, THEREFORE, THAT GOP  
IS SPONSORING BOTH COMMEMORATIVE ACTS. ADDITIONAL  
FACTOR WHICH LEADS US TO BELIVE SO IS THAT JANUARY  
9 IS A SUNDAY, AND GOP WISHES TO GUARANTEE AT LEAST  
SMALL ATTENDANCE AT DAY OF MOURNING CEREMONIES.

7. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS THAT ANY VIOLENT  
ACTIONS AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN PLANNED.  
THE ONLY POSSIBILITY FOR MUCH MIGHT BE THE MARCH  
ALONG 4TH OF JULY, BUT HERE AGAIN WE TEND TO DISCOUNT  
POSSIBILITY OF MORE THAN RUDE SLOGANS AND SHOUTS.  
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